CROKER'S CLUB BOYCOTT. DEMOCRATIC CLUB CERTAINLY

WON'T BE A HILL MACHINE.

Breeklyn Democrats to Join It in Sheals-Mr Croker Beesn't Forget the Manhattan's Treatment of Senator Murphy, and That's Why He Got Out and Invited Others Out.

Richard Croker's friends told yesterday, just before Mr. Croker went to Lakewood, the real reasons why he favored the Democratic Club above the Manhattan Club. It turns out that Mr. Croker's attitude in the matter represents not only his antagonism to Mugwumps, but his firm and loval friendship to Senator Edward Murphy, Jr., of Troy.

There is a streak of sentiment about Mr.

Croker, his friends said, when personal friends ships are involved, and they went on to tell how how Mr. Croker had never forgiven the managers of the Manhattan Club for an alleged act of discourtesy to Mr. Murphy just after he had been elected United States Senator to succeed Frank Hiscock. This was in January, 1893. Ever since Prince John Van Buren, the son of Old Martin of Kinderhook, was President of the Manhattan Club the members had made a point of giving receptions to the Presidential candidates of the Democratic party, Democratic candidates for Governor, and Democrat-ic candidates for United States Senator; and also to successful candidates after election. Andrew Johnson, Horatio Seymour, Horace Greeley, Samuel J. Tilden, and Grover Clevewere all received with hearty welcomes at the Manhattan Club. Horatio Seymour, in 1868, made the club his headquarters when he was the Democratic Presidential candidate. Francis Kernan, the Democratic United States Senator from Oneida Gov. and Senator Hill.

and all the Democratic Governors and Demo-

cratic candidates before Mr. Hill were all wel-

comed officially at the Manhattan Club. Not

so with Mr. Murphy of Troy. After the de-

parture of Mr. Tilden as the great Democratic

leader of This party of the United States Mr.

Cleveland became the idol of the Manhattan

Club. The Cleveland influence, Mr. Croker's

friends said, was paramount in the club for a On the re-election of President Cleveland in 1892 one of his first acts was a protest against the election of Mr. Murphy as the Democratic United States Senator to succeed Mr. Hiscock Mr. Croker's friends said vesterday that mem bers of the Manhattan Club influenced Mr Cleveland to come out in his opposition to Mr.

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"It ought not to be necessary for me to repeat for the public what I have so often expressed to many gentlemen in private conversation. Among these have been Mr. Murphy himself, Mr. Croker, and gentlemen who have been prominent in the party from every part of the State of New York. It must not be forgotten, however, that the party has a very hard task to perform if we expect to keep the word that we have passed to the people of the country. They have given us a phenomenal majority, one showing that they expect us to do nuch. In doing this a great deal depends upon the State of New York and its great metropoils. The interests of the State and of the party demand, it seems to me, the selection of a Senator who can not only defend the principles of our party but who can originate and promote policies that may be presented for consideration in the Senator from New York should be a man not only experienced in public affairs but who has a clear conception of the vital issues with which he must deal during the next few years. Speaking frankly, as I have already done, to those episified to know my views, it does not seem to me that the selection of Mr. Murphy shows a desire or intention of placing in the Senate a man of such a type. This first use of our power would, I fear, cause much disappointment, not only in New York, but in the country. This the party ought not to be called upon to face, when it is considered how much there is to do and what serious difficulties have to be surmounted before it can be done."

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Mr. Croker was a member of the Manhattan Club at the time. He had led the Tammany delegation at the Chicago Convention several months before for Gov. Hill. Mr. Croker said that Mr. Cleveland had no right to come out and say these things of Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy at the time, and all through the Cleveland campaign of 1892, was Chairman of the Democratic State Committee. He worked loyally for Mr. Cleveland's election, and Mr. Croker was greatly chagrined that the Presidentelect should find it convenient to attack Mr. Murphy. Mr. Croker never forgot that. He elect should find it convenient to attack Mr. Murphy. Mr. Croker never forgot that. He took his own time in getting out of the Manhattan Club, and he says that the majority of the members of the club have no sympathy with straight Democracy. Mr. Murphy was elected the United States Senator to succeed Mr. Hiscock. There were only two or three votes in the joint caucus at Albany against him. When he got to Washington he, with Senator Hill, received invitations to dine with Mr. Cleveland at the White House. Mr. Hill accented the invitation and Mr. Murphy did not. During the four years that Mr. Cleveland was in the White House, from 1893 to 1897, Mr. Murphy never crossed the threshold of that historic building. He has not spoken to Mr. Cleveland since Mr. Cleveland made that attack on him. Mr. Murphy said at the time that he would endeavor to be a good Senator. He is not a speechmaker, but all of the Democratic and Republican United States Senators at Washington have given testimony to the effect that Mr. Murphy is an industrious and hard-working man, and one of the most popular Senators that ever went to Washington.

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Shortly after Mr. Murphy was elected United States Senator the Governors of the Manhattan Club, Mr. Croker's friends said yesterday, had a meeting and, acting on Mr. Cleveland's letter opposing Mr. Murphy's election, decided not to extend the old-time courtesies of the club to Mr. Murphy. There were one or two meetings of the Governors on this subject afterward, and finally a half-hearted invitation was extended to Mr. Murphy to come to the Manhattan Club at a reception. Mr. Murphy was acquainted all the time, it was said, with the quality of the invitation, and he flatly decided not to accept it. He told his friends that if ho went to the club he would not be in the home of his friends. Mr. Murphy dismissed the matter from his mind from that day; but Mr. Croker has never forgotten it.

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Gov. Flower had always been well received at the Manhattan Club, and yet on his return to private life be become President of the Democratic Club. He took that step, it was said yesterday, because he believed that the Democratic Club was more democratic in its notions and that it had no factional fads. Gov. Flower has never criticised the Manhattan Club, but it is well known to-day that Mr. Flower, Mr. Croker and Mr. Murphy are very closely allied. Mr. Hill, of all the present Democratic leaders, is the only one who has ever sought the hospitalities of the Manhattan Club. They were freely given to Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Hill on many occasions endeavored to swing the Mugwump Manhattan Club element into line for himself.

Mr. Croker's friends went on yesterd y to tell how Senator Gorman, in his speech in the United States Senate, recalled the days of 1884, when he was Chairman of the Democratic National Commit ee, and how, as he said in the speech. We all waded through the filth and mire of that campaign." Shortly after that Senator Hill arose in his seat in the United States Senate and defended Mr. Cleveland and attacked Senator Gorman, Senator Murphy personally democratic half of the manhatter of fact, he was sustaining Mr. Cleveland and attacked Senator Gorman, the only friend that Mr. Hill and Mr. Murphy had in the United States Senate when they went to Washington. Mills of Texas, Vilas of Wisconsin, and even Gray of Delaware and all the original Cleveland, and it was left for Mr. Hill, as Mr. Croker's friends went on to say, believed he was playing fine politics at the time, when, as a matter of fact, he was sustaining Mr. Cleveland and attacks Senate when they went to Washington. Mills of Texas, Vilas of Wisconsin, and even Gray of Delaware and all the original Cleveland, and it was left for Mr. Hill, as Mr. Croker's friends went on the senate when they went to Washington

after Jan. 1 has already had a salutary effect on that organization.

Bernard J. York, the Brooklyn associate leader with Hugh McLaughlin, who arrived here today, amounced to night that it was his intention to join the club as soon as possible. Mr. York also said that he knew that most of the Democrats conspicuous in the Kings county organization intended to join also after Jan. 1.

Mr. York arrived here at 4 o djock this afternoon, with the delegation of Tammany leaders, who are making the final preparations for taking command of the administration of the Government of the Greeter New Yerk.

The delegation included Richard Croker, John F. Carroll, Mayor-elect Robert A. Van Wyek,

Senators Thomas F. Grady and T. D. Sullivan.
Nathan Straus, Private Secretary A. M. Downes,
Former Police Justice John J. Ryan, Thomas
Shells, P. F. Murphy, W. A. Scott and B. F.
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That it is Mr. Croker's intention to make the Democratic Club a State organization is indicated by the fact that at the next regular meeting of the club in January, when the standing committees are appointed, they will be composed of representative Democrats from all parts of the State, who are now members of the club. It is hoped that this action will make the club a strong State organization.

The Brooklyn Democrats will add to the strength of the club, and when the time comes to take action in the next State campaign it is quite likely that Mr. Croker, with his alliance with United States Senator Murphy, will have an organization strong enough to check any move that ex-Senator Hill may attempt to control the party in the State.

Mr. York had a long conference to-night with Mr. Croker and Mayor-elect Van Wyck. It is believed that the Brooklyn slate was finally decided upon, and it can safely be said that there is not a Hill man on it.

The Tammany leaders will remain here until Friday evening and then return to town so as to be in good shape for the inauguration ceremonies on the following day. These will be of the simplest order as far as the Tammany men are concerned.

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It is possible that some of the appointments will be officially announced by Mayor-elect Van Wyck, Sheriff-elect Dann, and District Attorney-elect Gardiner before they return to New York. Both Sheriff-elect and District Attorney-elect are expected here before the leaders go back.

PRIMARIES OF THE WIGWAM. Croker to the Front, Sheehan and Martin to

Tammany Hall primaries for the reorganization of the committees of the party for 1898 were he'd in all the Assembly districts of the city last night. All differences had been settled in advance through the interposition of Richard Croker, Leader Martin Engel of the Eighth and his friends were suspicious that Bernard Rourke and 1. followers might attempt a surprise, so they tacked the clubbouse at Ludlow and Grand streets with their followers early in the day, and kept them there to prevent the entrance of any Rourks men until the polls were closed. Rourke and his men did not bother the Engel primary, but Engel's little lieutenant, Counsellor Goldsmith, told s heroic tale last night of how he held the stairway with a pistol and kept Barney's men away.

The control of the organization in the Secnd district by ex-Police Justice Patrick Divond district by ex-Police Justice Patrick Divver was assured by the result of the primary. Former District Leader Nicholas T. Brown was not even permitted to go on the General Committee. Adderman John T. Oakley continues as leader in the Fourteenth and Charles Wolde succeeds Andrew J. White in the Thirty-first.

The name of Richard Croker is the first on the list of the General Committee for the Twenty-ninth Assembly district, preceding that of District Leader Rollin M. Morgan. John F. Carroll is also elected from the Twenty-ninth, where he resides, as well as from the Twenty-second, which is his old district. Mayor-elect Van Wyck is on the General Committee from the Twenty-second. In the Thirtieth Councilman-elect Harry C. Hart succeeds Lawrence Delmour as the active leader. Mr. Delmour, it is said, will be continued on the Executive Committee in some other capacity.

It is notable that the only district leaders who seem to have taken back seats in the organization are John C. Sheehan and James J. Martin. Mr. Sheehan's name is placed fourth on the ticket elected in the Ninth Assembly district, State Senator Louis Munzinger's being first. Martin's name is buried in the middle of the committee of two hundred and odd men elected from the Twenty-seventh. The name of ex-Quarantine Commissioner Charles F. Allen has the place of honor on the ticket in Martin's district.

The General Committee chosen last night is ver was assured by the result of the primary

this district.

The General Committee chosen last night is an unusually big one, owing to Tammany's recent successes at the polls. It will meet for organization at Tammany Hall on the night of Jan. 13.

SWOONED AS HER HOUSE WAS SOLD Mrs. Curley Bids, Screams, and Paints on the Real Estate Exchange.

The protests of Mrs. Thomas J. Curley of 614 Morris avenue created some excitement at a sale at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, 111 Broad way, yesterday afternoon. Two lots at 614 and 618 Morris avenue, belonging to Mrs. Curley, were put up at auction to satisfy mortgages. The sale had been four times adjourned by George W. McAdam, attorney for the plaintiffs in foreclosure, at the request of Mrs. Curley. The auctioneer was Bryan L. Kennelly.

The first parcel offered by him was the house spicuous.

"It is too little," she said, in a tone heard through the room. "It is worth \$15,000," The bid was raised to \$8,250 by Lawyer Mc

The bid was raised to \$8,250 by Lawyer Mc-Adam. When it became apparent that the property was going to Mr. McAdam, Mrs. Curley came into the bidding herself.

"I bid \$6,000," she said. And then, almost before the bid was noted, she added, "\$9,250."

"Madam," said Mr. Kennelly, "I suppose you are ready to comply with the conditions—ready to pay 10 per cent. down!"

"No," cried Mrs. Curley, "I haven't any 10 per cent.; I haven't a cent.

"I am sorry, madam," said Mr. Kennelly, "very sorry,"

Ho went back to Mr. McAdam's bid of \$8,250 and accepted it.

"It is wrong, wrong," cried Mrs. Curley, who is young, not bad looking and has a penetrating voice. She turned to the crowd. "Don't let it be sacrificed," she cried, "It is worth \$15,000. It is my home. If it is sold for that price I will go out of this room without a cent. My poor, poor children. Are none of you men fathers!"

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It became apparent that Mrs. Curley thought
that both of the pieces of property were being
sold at once. She refused to listen to any ex-

lanations.
Julius Franke then bid \$8,400.
"Going at \$8,400." said Mr. Kennelly.
"Walt!" screamed Mrs. Curley.
"Going!" screamed the woman. "Oh! Oh!"
"Going."

Mrs. Curley threw up her arms and set up a shriel... "Gone!" said the auctioneer, who was visibly "Gone!" said the auctioneer, who was visibly distressed by the woman's show of feeling. Mrs. Curley sank to the floor, still screaming. A young man, whose name is said to be Harvey, ran out for a doctor. Others carried Mrs. Curley, who seemed to be unconscious, out into one of the adjoining offices. H re she was attended by a man who said that he was Dr. O'Shea. She soon recovered. Meanwhile the other parcel of property was soid for \$4,700. The amount of the two sales just about covers the mortgage, incumbrances and the accumulated taxes, interest and costs.

Mr. McAdam and Mr. Kennelly both announced that if Mrs. Curley would satisfy the mortgages and the charges she could have her property back.

SENATOR CLAY'S HARMONY SCHEME Induces the Mayer and Councilmen of Mariet ta, Ga., to Resign to a Bunch.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28.-United States Sena tor Clay of Georgia has just taken a hand in the politics of Marietta, his town, which has brought harmony to factions in the party. Mayor Glover looked for unanimous re-elec tion. An opposition ticket headed by Mr. T. M. Brumby was brought into the field and an ap-Brumby was brought into the field and an appeal was taken to the negro voter, who stood ready not only to sell his own vote, but to repeat as often as he could get the chance. When senator Clay returned from Washington he at once entered into negotiation with the leaders of the two parties and submitted a plan that the Mayor and successful Councilmen should resign in a body, that both factions get together and agree upon a ticket which should be unanimously supported to take its place. This proposition has been accepted and Senator Clay has become the arbitrator by which peace has been restored to Marietta. The resignations have been tendered and the arrangement will be carried through without a hitch In this election the negro voter will play no part.

The New City Government

Comprehensively outlined in an article prepared for the Brooslyn Engle's Consolidation Number, Sunday January 2. The machinery provided by the new charter explained in concise and simple terms. This, and the birdseye views of Brooklyn Borough and of Greater New York would constitute a valuable ouvenir number of themselves, to say nothing of the half tone art supplement, and the splendid collection of special articles bearing upon Brooklyn and Greater New York. There will be a big demand for this number. Make sure of whatever extra copies you want by putting in an order well ahead with your

ARREST OF THE SUPPOSED FORGER OF THE LAST BATCH.

His Name Is Peterson and Meline Uttered the Checks-Bignatures Obtained for Imitation by Stealing Cancelled Checks-Bald on Letter Boxes to Procure Checks Expected.

John A. Peterson, formerly an elevator man

n one of the downtown office buildings, was arrested yesterday morning by a Central Office detective and representatives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, charged with having forged a number of checks on local banks. According to Superintendent George Bangs

of the Pinkerton agency, which is employed by the American Bankers' Association to run down bank swindlers of all kinds, Peterson has been working with Charles Meline, who was arrested on Monday for attempting to cash at the Bank of the State of New York a check bearing the forged signature of Henry C. Mortimer, a broker. Peterson is alleged to have forged the checks and Meline to have cashed them.

The Pinkertons have been working on this case for nearly a month. The work of the forgers was very clever, and showed great familiarity with the signatures of the persons whose names

The first case reported came from the Phoenix Bank. Two checks were presented there a little over three weeks ago. They purported to be drawn on one of the bank's customers, and aggregated in amount about \$400. The money was paid.

The name of the man whose name was forged to these two checks is not revealed by the Pinkerton superintendent. It was through him, however, that trace of Peterson was obtained. Peterson wrote him a letter concerning the purchase of some property.

This made necessary an answer from the proposed victim, and in this way the signature was The handwriting in the letter corresponded with that on the check. The detectives located Peterson and watched him. In the meantime the forgeries continued.

Two weeks ago a check purporting to be signed by Abram E. Hamberger, who has an office in the Cotton Exchange building, was presented at the Corn Exchange Bank. The amount was \$148,75. It was paid.

Two days later a man attempted to pass another forged check for \$60 at this bank. It bore the forged signature of a broker named Condon, whose office is in the Cotton Exchange building. Condon had closed his account with the bank and the presentation of the check aroused the paying teller's suspicion. Before he could have the man apprehended, however, the latter had run out. sponded with that on the check. The detec-

and the presentation of the check aroused the paying teller's suspicion. Before he could have the man apprehended, however, the latter had run out.

The arrest of Meline made it safe from the detectives' standpoint to arrest Peterson. The handwriting on all the forged paper is said to be evidently that of one man. Mr. Bangs said last night that there was no doubt that Meline passed all the checks, although the teller of the Phenix Bank failed to identify Meline.

The signatures of Condon and Bamberger were obtained, it is thought, by riding their desks of cancelled checks. Some one recently stole a lot of old checks from both of them and Peterson is suspected of having been the man.

The following warnings to banks was sent out by the Pinkerton agency last week:

"A lock was broken off and stolen from a street mail box the other evening, indicating that letter-box thieves and forgers are preparing to swindle banks in this city with checks stolen from the mail. From this lock keys can be made with which any street letter box can be opened and letters stolen, from which checks are abstracted, and with acids the payee's name and amounts taken out. Ususuily "cash" or "bearer" is substituted for payee's name and the amount of check increased. Banks are warned against paying checks to strangers, except on personal identifications. Signatures of drawees are liable to be forged as identification of payee. When a suspicions check is presented for payment teller should scrutin ze presenter sharply, and if unknown ask some pointed questions, consult cashier, or assistant cashier, delaying party while this investigation is in progress. If check is a forgery, as a rule the presenter will attempt to leave the bank Parties attempting to leave under these circumstances should be detained. If check is a forgery, party presenting same should be handed over to the authorities."

LEITER STILL BUYING WHEAT. There Are Stored in Chicago New 7,257,000

Bushels to Be Cared For. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-The wheat pit was lively again to-day, the market going to \$1 for Decemat 614 Morris avenue. The bidding began at | ber the first time in nearly a week. It fell the big deals between Lelter and Armour, the pilling of 8,000,000 bushels of wheat in local ele vators, and the efforts to be made by the shorts to get in under cover, there will yet be exciting

times before next Friday evening. Job Leiter spends most of his time at hi headquarters in the Board of Trade building. No one offers to hint what the built clique will do with its immense line of wheat. Lefter and French both refuse to say whether or not they have arranged to sell their wheat. But there still remains the big pile of wheat to dispose of, and it may safely be said that traders in all the world's markets are watching the wheat stored in this city. Mr. Lefter said, however, that he had disposed of a big amount of spot wheat in Liverpool at prices better than the market quotations in that city. In answer to rumors that he proposed to devote all his attention in future to the grain business he said that after the holidays he would return once more to his Clark street office and leave the active work to his associates.

Mr. Leiter does not appear a bit worried over the grain in his possession, and is sending out orders to buy more wheat and oats. An additional supply of May wheat was contracted for by the clique to-day. There are 7,257,000 bushels of contract wheat in Chicago to-day, and that quantity represents the amount of wheat which the Leiters will have to take care of. cadquarters in the Board of Trade building.

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TWO BOYS DROWNED. Wells and Overton Broke Through the Ice

SOUTHAMPTON, L. 1., Dec. 28.-Beach Wells

ged 12 years, and Samuel Overton, aged 15 years, were drowned this morning while skatng on Lake Agawam. The two boys had been skating for some time at the head of the lake when about 10 o'clock one of the boys suggested going to the other end of the lake, near the each. There were two other boys in the party. As they were passing the cottage of George R schieffelin, Wells and Overton fell through the

Their cries for help attracted the attention of Frank W. Burnett and William Bennett, who Frank W. Burnett and William Belinder, who were near by. Mr. Burnett succeeded in pull-ing one of the boys out of the water and Mr. Hennett the other. The lifesaving crew was in-formed of the accident, and the boys were taken to Mr. Schleffelin's cottage. They were uncon-scious when taken from the water, and died a scious when taken from the water, and died a short time after.

The remains of young Wells will be taken to New York for burial to-morrow. The funeral of the Overton boy will take place Thursday afternoon. Wells was a brother of Miss Mabe; Wells, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Charles White of First Neck Lane. The boy was spending the holidays with his sister. Samuel Overton was the son of John W. Overton, who lives in the northern part of the village.

Beach Wells was a son of Irving Wells of 3398 Third avenue, an engineer on the Manhat-tan Elevated road.

A HORSE ATTACKED WITH ACID. its Eyes and Ears Terribly Burned-Business Rival of Its Owner Arrested.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 28 .- Some one entered the stable of Solomon Gale last night and poured nitric acid into the cars and eyes of one f his horses. One of the horse's eyes was burned out and both ears were horribly burned. The animal suffered intensely, and will undoubt

The animal suffered intensely, and will undoubtedly die.

Gale recently came from Philadelphia, and is an extensive junk dealer. Harris Berman of Flemington is his rival in the business here. Gale purchased the horse of Berman, who subsequently wanted to buy it back. Gale refused and Berman became angry. To-day, while Gale was leading the animal to have it treated, Berman accosted him and inquired the nature of the horse's injury.

Gale, who suspected Berman, discovered acid upon his cost and hat. Gale clinched with Berman arripped

upon his coat and hat. Gale clinened with her-man and yelled for the police. Herman stripped off his overcoat and fled. Large quantities of the nitric acid were discovered upon his overcoat.

She Wants One of the Guests at a Pamous

Dinner Indicted. In May, 1895, a stag dinner was given in the studio of James L. Breeze, at 5 West Sixteenth street, in honor of John Elliot Cowdin. The giver of the dinner was Henry W. Poor, and resent at it were a number of well-known men,

including most of the artists of reputation in The feature of the dinner came late in the wening. A huge pie was brought out and set on the table. When it was cut a score of cauary

birds flew out, and then appeared in the middle of it a young girl clad in a flowing robe of black gauze. The surprise was an immense success, and the "ple girl," as she afterward was known, received a great deal of advertisement in the aewspapers. She was Susie Johnson, who lived at that time at Ninth avenue and Thirty-second street. Her father was said to be a well-to-do mechanic The girl had been employed in several studies as a model, but up to the time of the dinner had

dinner, however, she was kept busy in the va-She has now asked the District Attorney to go before the Grand Jury and secure the indictment of one of the men who were present at the dinner, whom she charges with having forcibly assaulted her. She avers that as the result she

not done much work of that kind. After the

has become a mother. Her story is that some time after the dinner she was posing in the studio of an artist who had been one of the guests. While she was there another man who had been a guest at the dinner came into the studio, and during a temporary absence of the artist the visitor, so the girl alleges, assaulted her. She asked for his indictment on two counts, first that she was under 16 at the time, and second that force was used. She said that she had been a respectable girl up to that time, and now she wanted to get instice.

to get justice.

District Attorney Olcott has refused to say anything about the case, but it is said on good authority that his office refused to take up the case or have anything to do with it until it came up in regular procedure from a Magistrate's

up in regular procedure from a Magistrate's court.

The Johnson girl and her friends were told that they would have to make a complaint against the man in a police court. It is understood that the girl's lawyers were told that the case was of such a nature that both sides must be heard before steps could be taken, for, while the story might be true, it might also be an attempt at blackmail, and the District Attorney's office refused to take the responsibility of blackening the character of a man until a most through examination had been made not only of the facts of the case, but the girl's character and history. It was for this reason that Miss Johnson was advised to go before a Police Magistrate.

LENZ'S MURDERERS CONFICTED. Not One of Them Caught, but All Sentenced to

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Turkish soldiers who killed Frank Lenz, the young American bicyclist, in Armenia several years ago, have been convicted and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. But according to the cabled message received at the State Department to-day notifying Secretary Sherman of the result of the case, not one of the murderers was present at the trial and sentence was pronounced in their abence. This typical Turkish way of attempting to placate the United States meets with strong disapproval at the department and a claim for ndemnity is likely to follow.

Young Lenz was a resident of Pittsburg. He was sent by Outing to make a bicycle tour around the world, and was killed in Armenia, near Erzeroum. Efforts made by the State Department to secure the apprehension and conpartment to secure the apprehension and conviction of the murderers would have been
futile if it had not been for the friendly interest
displayed by a British consular officer. He
secured the names of the assassins and valuable
evidence against them, and reported the result
of his investigation to this Government.

One account of the killing was that a group
of Turkish soldiers resting by the side of the
road saw Lenz on his bleyele, and disputed
among themselves whether the strange object
was man or devil.

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"We will find out," said one of them, levelling his gun at Lenz. "If it is a man he will fall when the builet strikes him, but if it is a devil the bullet will not injure it."

The man fired and Lenz fell. When the United States Government made a demand for the arrest and punishment of the murderers they left the country, presumably on information furnished them by Turkish officials. An insistence by the United States that justice should be done resulted in the farcical trial just insistence by the United States that justice should be done resulted in the farcical trial just

NEW BRIGHTON RECORDS BURNED. A Fire in the Village Offices-More Valuable

Records Saved. The executive offices of the village of New Brighton, in the village Hall on Lafayette evenue, were ruined by fire last evening and hundreds of official records of the village went up in smoke. It is thought that the loss of the records will seriously hamper the village in losing up its business this week, and will prove a great annoyance to those who had claims

against the village. The fire started between 6 and 7 o'clock. The lames were discovered by the janitor. They first appeared over the desk of Clerk Joseph F. O'Grady in the clerk's office. The room was deluged with water but the fire blazed furiously deluged with water but the fire blazed furiously for over an hour. Then the flames were finally extinguished. The cierk's and treasurer's office was completely burned out. The woodwork was ruined and the walls were demolished.

The records of the village, many of which were contained in filing cabinets, were badly charred. Others were so badly burned as to be undecipherable, and many were burned to ashes. The more valuable records were kept in a safe and escaped injury. and escaped injury.

The meeting room of the Board of Trustees was flooded with water, and many of its appointments were ruined. The fire was attributed to a crossed electric light wire. The loss on the building will be about \$2,000, covered by insur-

GREAT NORTHERN'S ORGAN BURNED It Was Playing "A Hot Time in the Old Town

When the Fire Was Discovered. CHICAGO, Dec. 28,-The automatic pipe organ in the main office of the Great Northern Hotel was destroyed by fire this evening. The organ kind in the country. The fire was caused by the crossing of wires connected with the electri cal apparatus which operated it. Martin Me Mahon, a bellboy, discovered the fire and noti fied Night Clerk Glodrey. A general alarm was given to the hotel employees' fire department and quick and effective work was done

ment and quick and effective work was done. As soon as the flames burst out into the hotel lobby there was a stampede that was almost a panic, guests and loungers making all possible haste to get out.

—An alarm was given to the city Fire Department and Manager Eden sent belibors to all the rooms to notify guests that they were in no danger. Among the guests of the hotel was too. Tanuer, who was busily engaged in a consultation with political friends and knew nothing of the blaze until notified of it. He went to the office floor and watched the fremen fight the fire.

When the fire started the organ was playing "A Hot Time in the Old Town." The instrument was completely ruined and the organ batcony was damaged to the extent of \$5,000. Frank Thayer, Hoston, was slightly burned on the hands by chemicals used to extinguish the flames. Manager Eden said he would not rebuild the organ.

FOREMAN ROSS INJURED.

He Palis Down a Hatchway at a Pire in Greens Street-He Will Recover. During a fire which did \$30,000 damage last

right in the six-story business building at 207 Greene street, Foreman George L. Ross of 13 engine fell through a hatchway to the sub-cellar of an adjoining building, a distance of twentyfive feet.

He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. The doctors there said that his injuries were serious, but that he would recover. Ross was appointed foreman three weeks ago. Commissioner Sheffield said at the time that he was the most efficient subordinate officer in the

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THE GIRL WHO WAS IN THE PIE A HYPNOTIST LOCKED UP.

HE TRIES TO HYPNOTIZE POLICE SERGEANT HULSE.

The Terrified Sergeaut Takes Refuge in a Telephone Rox-Hypnotist Paldy Has Two Fits in the Station Before Being Bailed Out by Former Commissioner of Jurors Nooney.

Policeman Sullivan of the West Forty-seventh street sound found a man, who said he was Charles W. Paidy of Stamford, Conn., wandering around the stairways of the elevated railway tation at Eighth avenue and Fifty-third street last night. As he was evidently unable to take are of himself, Sullivan haled him to the police station. Paldy, who was well dressed, said that he was a professional hypnotist. Amid feeble emonstrances he was taken to a cell and locked

At 11 o'clock former Commissioner of Jurors Robert Nooney appeared at the station and told Sergeant Hulse that he wished to bail out Paldy. While the bond was being arranged Paldy was brought into the room. He seemed perfectly soher and self-possessed. The bond was signed, and Nooney started out with the

roung man. Paldy on the very threshold threw up his arms and sank to the floor apparently in a faint. The sergeant tore away his necktie, ripped the collar of his shirt open, and called for water, which

was brought by the doorman. Then Mrs. Valentine, the matron, brought a bottle of smelling salts from her room, and the Sergeant knelt beside the hypnotist and held the smelling salts under his nose. Paldy slowly came out of his faint, shook himself and said: "I don't know what you're making all this fuss about. I haven't been in a faint at all. As I told you, I am a professional hypnotist. This s merely one of my states."

He was led to a chair, and Sergeant Hulse went back behind the desk. Paldy faced him and looked directly into his eyes. Everybody except the Sergeant was standing around Paldy. Sergeant Hulse suddenly jumped up with a

Sergeant Hulse suddenly jumped up with a whoop.

"Here," he howled, "make that man look the other way. I'll hire a cab and pay for it myself. Take him away from here. I say, I'll pay for it myself. Won't some of you go and get a cab quick! I tell you neither that man nor anybody eise shall hypnotize me."

Then the Sergeant jumped up and ran into the telephone room and closed the door behind him. Mr. Nooney went over and tried to reassure him. "There's no reason for being alarmed, Sergeant," he said; "it's all right. He isn't going to hypnotize you. Don't be worried. I tell you it's all right. The man is not dangerous."

The Sergeant stuck ais head out of the door, saw that Paldy was still looking in his direction, and dodged back.
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Paidy gasped, threw his arms up in the air, and began to wriggle off the chair as if he had a fit. Detectives Chandler and Sweet, the doorman, and Mr. Nooney grabbed him before he reached the floor. He writhed and struggled and kicked, and it took the strength of all four men to hold him in the chair.

Sergeant Hulse has never in his life showed any fear of a physical struggle and he started over to join them. He got within ten feet of Paidy and the hypnotist straightened out, twisted his head around, opened his eyes and fixed them on the Sergéant.

With a yell of dismay, the Sergeant fled back to the telephone box. Somebody got hot water and managed to make Paidy swallow some of it, and in time he recovered from the fit. The Sergeant was persuaded to come out of the telephone room.

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"I don't know about letting that man go out of here," he said. "I'm not sure that he is in any condition to be released, whether he's bailed or not."

Keeping a wary eye on Paldy, the Sergeant summoned an ambulance and went back to his

summoned an ambulance and went back to his desk.
Dr. MacMider came down from the Roosevelt Hospital. Paidy told the doctor that he was suffering from morphine poisoning.
The doctor made a careful examination, and said he couldn't see any signs of morphine poisoning or of anything except too much general dissipation.
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Mr. Nooney took Paldy out to a cab which had arrived by this time, and went away with him. The Sergeant was not communicative as to his mental condition during the time when Paldy was looking in his eye. "I'm glad he's gone,"

was looking in his eye. "I'm g he said, and would say no more. STOLE A TON OF TURKEY.

A Good Many People Cama Near Losing Their Christmas Dinner-Thief Nabbed. Theodore Arnheim of 69 Third avenue was locked up in the Fifth street police station last night charged with stealing a ton of turkey. The complainant was George Alexander, a provision dealer of 118 East 103d street, who has a stall in Washington Market. Last Thursday morning Alexander gave Arnheim, who was a driver for him, an order on a whole-sale market at Harrison and West streets, for 2,000 pounds of turkey. Alexander fussed around his stall for two hours, and then, as Arnheim didn't return, went to the wholesale market to see what had happened to delay him. He found that Arnheim had got the turkeys and gone away.

and gone away.

Later in the day Alexander's horse and wagon were found at Nineteenth street and wagon were found at Nineteenth street and Ninth avenue. There wasn't a drumstick nor a feather, even, of the turkeys left. Alexander bought another ton for his customers' Christmas dinners.

mas dinners.

Last night the provision dealer, while going downtown on a Third avenue cable car, suled at Fourteenth street Driver Arnheim. Jumping off the car he had Policeman Tierney arrest him. Arnheim refused to make any statement ment.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FROZEN UP. Oyster Sloops Ice-Bound-Life-Savers Cut Off-Wild Duck Without Feeding Places.

SAYVILLE, Dec. 28 .- The entire surface of the Freat South Bay is frozen from shore to shore and from Bellport to Bayshore, a distance of twenty miles. Not in years before at this early period has the bay frozen entirely up. At least 00 oyster sloops are frozen fast in the rivers, and fully 1,000 oystermen are thrown out of employment, which means that many families will suffer if the freeze-up continues for any

long period.

It is reported that five sloops, all with crews on board, are caught in the ice about two miles offshore to the cast of Fire Island. An attempt will be made to reach the men to-morrow by means of ice skiffs. The men are no doubt suffering, as the oyster sloops carry but small amounts of supplies on board.

Thousands of wild ducks are constantly flying over the ice looking for feeding spots, but with the exception of about two acres of open water abreast of Hayshore, not an open spot is to be found.

The life savers on the ocean beach are shut off from the mainland, and have not been able to get supplies of mail since Thursday.

PLAYED POKER IN CHURCH. Police Baided the Game and Caught Two Members of the Congregation.

RICHMOND HILL, L. I., Dec. 28.—Charles John on was about to open a jackpot in the Morris Park Methodist Church yesterday morning about 2 o'clock, when two of the Richmond Hill police opened the door and arrested him and his companion, Clarence Wagner. The two young

companion. Clarence Wagner. The two young men are members of the congregation, and their parents are shining lights in the church where they were caught playing poker.

The police recognized their prisoners and were greatly startled. The men professed to have business in the church and said they had stayed there to watch the Christmas tree and keep the furnace going. They admitted finally, however, that they were playing cards. They were taken to the station house and then discharged. The members of the Methedist congregation were thrown into consternation when they learned that the sons of two of their best church-going families had been caught playing poker in the sacred edifice. The church officials will be asked to dismiss the young men from membership in the church.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 28 .- At Steelton to day two boys, Peter Pluter, aged 5, and Henry Tuptanoski, aged 10, were throwing stones at a passing freight train at Steelton to-day when they were run down by the Niagara express. Pluter was instantly killed, and his companion was picked up with a severe contusion of the head and broken hand. He may not survive.

The Talk of the Town Simpson's new Loan Office and Safe Deposit Vaults

"TAKE MY BODY TO THE MORGUE." Thus Spoke Bergman to a Policeman Befor

Policeman Fox of the East Thirty-fifth street station was stopped in front of 533 Third ave nue at 12 o'clock last night by a man who ran

from the doorway and said: "Here, copper, take my body to the Morgue." What do you mean ?' asked Fox.

For reply the man pulled a revolver from his pocket and shot himself in the mouth. He died almost instantly. After his body had been taken to the East Thirty-fifth street station it was learned that

the suicide was John Bergman, a tenant of the house in front of which he shot himself. He was arrested last week on complaint of his wife, but was discharged. His wife could not be found last night.

M'ILRATH AND WIFE MISSING.

They Were Touring the World on Bleycles-Last Heard from in Persia.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.-H. Darwin Mc-Brath and wife, formerly of this city, but more ecently of Chicago, are missing and are believed to have been murdered or carried into slavery by the wild Arabian tribes who infest certain districts of Persia and Turkey, Mo-Ilrath practiced medicine here. After he moved to Chicago he became a newspaper reporter. In he summer of 1895 he left Chicago with his wife to make a tour of the world on hieveles. They were last heard from on Nov. 1, when they were setting out from the Persian capital or Asiatic Turkey. A despatch from Chicago says that Frank Fowler will start at once to eek for them.

STEEL BRIDGE LOST.

It Slipped Off Some Flat Care on Its Way to

Dayton, O. DAYTON, O., Dec. 28.-The officials of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad are looking for a steel bridge, weighing 62,000 pounds, which was being shipped over that road o Dayton. The freight crew under Conductor Folk loaded the bridge on three flat cars and chained them together. The train was coming south. At Troy the crew and conductor noticed that the bridge was all right, but when the train eached Dayton the bridge had disappeared from the flat cars. Nobody saw it disappear, but t was gone.

It is supposed that the bridge fell off the cars at a sharp curve. A search is being made for it.

NEW KIND OF SANTA CLAUS. fr. B. C. Clark of Boston Pays \$60 on De-

tained Christmas Mail There. BOSTON, Dec. 28.-Benjamin Cutler Clark, well known as a philanthropist and as a friend to criminals, for whom he has often provided counsel, including Mate Bram of the Herbert Fuller, did a graceful act to-day by going down to the Post Office and providing money enough to pay the postage on all the detained Christman mail. A large quantity of mail had been held for postage and Mr. Clark was obliged to pay

out something like \$60 to clear the lot. This has been a yearly custom with Mr. Clark, but until this year he has always managed to conceal his name.

BURNED THE SCHOOLHOUSE.

The Doctor Said It Was the Only Way to Kill the Diphtheria Germs.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Dec. 28.-By order of the Board of Education the Ulysses district schoolhouse, south of this place, was burned down today in order to destroy diphtheria germs. Four scholars who had attended the school died from diphtheria.

Last year the building was thoroughly renoated, and the rabbits that had burrowed under it were driven out, but the little animals returned, and physicians who were employed to examine the place decided it would be impossible to destroy all the diphtheria germs by any

other plan than burning the building. A VAWN KILLED BIM

Blood Vessels Burst When Meld Stretched His Arms and Took a Beep Breath. St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Charles Held has died from the results of a yawn. He was 35 years old. On Sunday morning he sat for some time at his place of business reading the newspapers When he arose to his feet he stretched his arms and yawned, and then sank to the floor bleed ing. Bystanders hurrled him to his home, and Drs. Starkloff and Spiegelhalter were moned, but in spite of their efforts, Held died

last night. He had ruptured some blood vessels WELL-TO-DO WOMAN ACCUSED. Mary Grimshaw of Paterson Arrested Here

for Shoulifiles. Mrs. Mary Grimshaw, 50 years old, of 399 Straight street, Paterson, N. J., and the mother of 12 children, was arrested yesterday afternoon in Altman's, in Sixth avenue. She was accused of stealing ten handkerchiefs, valued at 75 cents each, a 45-cent tie, and a remnant of silk valued at \$3.45. When had \$20 worth of handkerchiefs a satchel. Magistrate Meade of the Jefferson a satchel. Magistrate Meade of the Jenerson Market Police Court held her in \$300 bail for trial. Her husband was summoned from Pater-son to get her out. His brothers are wealthy slik mill owners of Paterson and of Reading Pa., and the standing of the family in Paterson

WHERE IS THE HILTON TROPHYS The Successful Georgia Team Has Never Re-

ceived it and it is Missing. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28.-The Hilton trophy which the Georgia rifle team won in Sea Girt last summer, has not arrived here. When the team left Sea Girt it was understood that the trophy, which is worth \$5,000, was to be for warded immediately. The militia of the District of Columbia then held it, and ever since September the Georgians have been looking for it. Gen. Harries, commander of the District militia, declares that the trophy was shipped ten days ago and that the express company has delayed it. The company say they never re-ceived it.

A BLAZE IN THE NAVY YARD. Men from the Vermont Summoned to the Cob

Bock to Put It Out. A blaze in a little one-story iron building or the Cob Dock, used for the storage of paints and oils, caused some excitement in the navy yard in Brooklyn early yesterday afternoon. The combustion was caused by muriatic acid, a car-boy of which had been placed in a big square box and padded with hay. Men from the receiving crew of the training ship Vermont, lying close by, under command of Lieutenant-Com-mander Marix, hurried to the dock, and in a few minutes extinguished the flames. The dam-age will not so the officials said, exceed \$100. The building stands alone.

A. R. SHEPHERD SERIOUSLY ILL. the Former "Hose" of Washington Has a

Apoplectic Stroke in Mexico. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 28.-A despatch from Batopilas, Mexico, states that the Hon. Alex der R. Shepherd, formerly of Washington, D. C. recently had a stroke of apoplexy and that his condition is now serious. "Boss" Shepherd went to Batoplias about twenty years ago, and by rich mining strikes there has made a fortune of several million dollars.

Frank Henlein, 20 years old, of 122 East

Ninety second street, who was found nearly unconscious on a stoop in Lexington avenue on Sunday, died in the Presbyterian Hospital yes-terday. His death is attributed to in him. s re-ceived in a football game eight years ago.

PRICE TWO CENTS. CHINESE ARE FRIGHTENED

THE PEKIN GOVERNMENT AT A LOSS

WHAT TO DO.

It Would Like to Bestst Germany, but Cannot De Se Without Ald-Walting to See What Prince Henry is Up To-Japan Will Oppose Russia's Permanent Occupation of Port Arther-Her Navy All Brady-The Military Party in Japan is Very Eager for Action

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PEKIN, Dec. 28.-The Government is alarmed by the situation arising from the selaure of Kian Chou Bay, and is bewildered through not knowing the intentions of the other powers. China would like to resist Germany, but is powerless to do so without aid. She is disap-

pointed that Great Britain has not come forward to help her. The officials see no help, but will wait until Prince Henry of Prussia can, as they say, land his mailed fist and weave his laurels.

The coming eclipse of the sun, which coincides with the Chinese New Year, is exciting gloom? orebodings LONDON, Dec. 28.-A despatch from Shanghal

to a news agency here says it is reported that more than twenty Japanese warships are waiting for instructions near Goto Island, The fleet, which includes the Full, recently completed in England, and the Chen Yuen, which was captured from the Chinese during the late war, is understood to be acting in close

Commander-in-Chief of the British fleet on the China station. The despatch adds that Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port

touch with Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller.

Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese Diet was owing to the war spirit of the Opposition, oupled with want of confidence in the Ministry. It is expected in Shanghai, according to the despatch, that the Japanese fleet will try to prevent the landing of Russian reinforcements than are expected from Odessa for the protection of

the Siberian railroad. The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail has had an interview on the situation with M. Kurino, the Japanese Minister to France. M. Kuring represented that Japan was committed to a peaceful rôle for three years, after which time her fleet would be second only to Great Brit-ain's. Japan, he added, intended to be the Great Britain of the Pacific. M. Kurino referred in detail to the sixty-five warships and 126 torpedo boats that are now under construe

A despatch to the Morning Post from Paris says that negotiations have been proceeding in that city between representatives of Russia and France to raise a loan of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of paying the indemnity due from China to Japan and thus securing the Japanese evacuation of Wei Hai Wei. France was determined that a French bank

tion for Japan.

should head the loan, while Russia demanded that the Russo-Chinese Bank should do so. The difficulty resulted in the breaking off of the negotiations and a coolness between the negotia-tors. The obvious object of the loan was to enable Russia to occupy Wel Hai Wei. Kobe, Dec. 28.—The dissolution of the Dies has greatly angered the political parties. It is

will form a coalition Government, which will adopt a vigorous foreign policy. The military party is eager for action. There is extraordinary activity in the military and naval departments, and a number of warships

probable that Marquis Ito and Count Okuma

are assembling at Nagasaki.

JAPAN'S MINISTRY RESIGNS.

The Attempt to Reconstruct the Cabinet Was a Fallure. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. YOROHAMA, Dec. 28 .- Count Rabayama and Viscount Takashima, respectively Minister of the Interior and Minister of War in the Matsukata Ministry, have undertaken to reconstruct

the Cabinet under the premiership of Admiral Marquis Saigo.

The attempt was a failure, and the entire Ministry has resigned.

Blazes Away at the Greek Gunboats, but

Docun't Hit Anything. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUB. ATHENS, Dec. 28 .- The Greek gunboats that were fired upon by Turkish troops garrisoning one of the forts at Preveza, on the Gulf of Ambracis, while they were attempting to leave the gulf on Saturday last, and compelled to return to their anchorages, left to-day, relying upon the promise given by the Porte to Prince Mayrocor-

date, the Greek Minister to Turkey, that they would be allowed to depart without hindrance As the vessels were leaving all the forte at Preveza opened fire on them, and a number of troops who lined the quay fired repeated volleys at thom. The vessels were apparently undamaged. It is presumed that Turkey intends by her

action in firing upon the vessels to create a precedent closing the Gulf of Ambracia. GLADSTONE 88 YEARS OLD.

He Says His Health Has Been Much Improved by His Visit to Cannes. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, Dec. 28.-To-morrow will be the eighty-eighth anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. The Liberal organizations, and friends and admirers generally, are showering

congratulations upon the old statesman, who is spending the winter at Cannes, in the south of France. Replying to a Christmas greeting sent to him by the National Liberal Club, Mr. Gladstone says that his health has been greatly benefited by his stay at Cannes, and that he hopes to be back at work again at Hawarden by the middle of February. He adds that Mrs. Gladstone's

health has also improved. WARNED BY WHITE CAPS.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 28.-More than one hundred of the farm owners of Hayes county to-day received notices signed "White Caps," warning them not to rent their farms to negroes or Mexicans, and threatening to burn the farm buildings, cowhide the owners, and sow the lands in Johnson grass if the warning is disregarded. The notices came through the mails, and were mailed at San Marces. There are a large number of negroes and Mexican farmers in Hayes county who will be affected if the land owners obey the warning. The land owners will hold a mass meeting to prepare a plan for concerted action against the White Caps. In the adjoining counties White Caps have burned farm buildings and committed three murders. lands in Johnson grass if the warning is disre-

STOLE TO GO TO THE THEATRE & Fourteen-Year-Old toir! Arrested for Rob bing Her Uncle.

Mamie Finnegan, 14 years old, was arrested ast night on complaint of her uncle, Andrew Finnegan, who charged her with stealing 10 cents. Finnegan is the girl's guardian. Her

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Texas Farmers Ordered Not to Heat Their Places to Acgrees or Mexicans.

cents. Finneyan is the girl's guardian. Her parents died two years ago, and since their death she has been living with her uncle at 128 West Nineteenth street.

She is incorrigible, her uncle says, and refuses to go to school. She spends most of her time in continuous performance playhouses. In order to go to the theatre she had to have money, so she stole from her guardian and his wife.

The girl, who admitted her guilt, spent the night in the rooms of the tierry society. She will be committed to some institution to-day.

drake for the new year. 15 Stone at, name of Ex. - Adv.